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1. [] On Saturday, 26 July, Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, said that during the Senate ABM debate on 25 July Senator Fulbright had claimed that U.S. defense spending exceeded by 25 or 30 percent that of the Soviet Union. Miss Fosdick said Senator Jackson would like to be briefed on this subject. I said I was sure we could arrange this, but thought possibly Senator Jackson had been present at one of our earlier presentations regarding Soviet and U.S. military expenditures. She said if the Senator wanted to pursue the matter she would let me know.

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2. [] Met with Senator Stuart Symington in response to his query regarding []. Also present was Mr. Pat Holt, Consultant of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Symington asked if I preferred to deal with the matter orally. I said I did because it was a sensitive matter which could be properly dealt with only in COMINT channels. Symington said this was perfectly alright with him but the questions contained in his letter to us were formulated by Messrs. Pincus and Paul, staff investigators of his Subcommittee, and it would be much more useful for us to brief them upon their return from their Far East trip than to brief the Senator. He said for this reason he did not think it necessary for [] to come over and brief him, although he asked that his personal greetings be conveyed to []. It was agreed that we would meet with Pincus and Paul to clear up the matter soon after their return (date still undetermined).

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3. [] Attempted to call Chairman Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, regarding Representative Clement Zablocki's request that we testify concerning the Soviet MIRV program before Zablocki's Subcommittee on National Security of House Foreign Affairs Committee. Since Rivers was not available I referred the question to Mr. Blandford who called back later to say that he had taken the matter up with Rivers who would neither approve nor disapprove our complying with Zablocki's request, but would recommend that we take up the problem with Speaker McCormack since it raised a jurisdictional question.

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